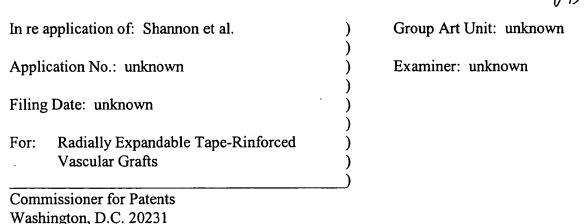
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97(c), and 1.98, Applicants enclose the attached form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d) copies of those references on the attached 1449 form are not being submitted because they were previously submitted to the U.S. Patent Office for prior application S/N 08/423,762, Patent No. 5,641,373 from which the present application relies upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. No fee is believed due; however, if a fee is to be charged please charge to our Deposit Account No. 501225 (VAS-4761CONDIV).

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